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Brevity vs Brains

1. The short answer to your question about whether there has to be a correlation between length and brains is "no," though as Pascal observed, length can be an inverse function of available time.

2. I make no brief for the performance of any member of the Harvard Class of 1950. In the brevity arena, the Yale Class of 1950 did rather better. Each year the Yale College faculty awards something called the Hadley Prize to what it judges the outstanding senior thesis. The published version of the 1950 Hadley thesis had 82 pages of text, five pages of appendices and two of bibliography. The pages were rather small and the type large. Yale's standards, of course, are probably somewhat higher than Harvard's.

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